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H E General Saw Maung
Prime Minister
Rangoon
Republic of Burma

Excellency,

The Islamic Council is deeply concerned about reports of continuing repression of the Burmese people and violation of their human rights by the government authorities. The reports allege violent suppression of the people and torture of political prisoners. We are particularly distressed by the persecution of Burma's Muslim minority. According to reliable reports, the Muslims are being prevented from performing their religious duties and their imams are arrested arbitrarily and tortured.

The Council appeals to you to call an immediate halt to the excesses of the authorities against people of every persuasion, and to restore to them their human rights and civil liberties.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General